

**Town of West Hartford
Conservation and Environment Commission
Meeting Minutes
September 28, 2015, 7:00 PM
Town Hall, Room 314**

1. Roll Call, members present and absent

Present: Brian McCarthy (Chair), Dennis Durao, Dallas Dodge, Matt Macunas, Beth Lander Morris, Scott Sebastian, Stefanie Wnuck

2. Approval of August 2015 CEC Meeting Minutes

Motion: Sebastian; Second: Durao; Motion APPROVED

3. Communications and News:

NONE

4. Old Business:

NONE

5. New Business:

34 Ravenwood Road –Application (IWW #1037) of William and Charlotte Marsh (Record Owners) requesting approval of an Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Permit to conduct certain regulated activities which may have an adverse impact on a wetland and watercourse area. The applicants propose the construction an approximately 512 s.f. (16' x 32') in-ground swimming pool. (Submitted for IWWA receipt on October 5, 2015. Presented for determination of significance.)

The applicant was represented by William and Charlotte Marsh (Record Owners) and John Zaczyk (Carolyn Pools, Contractors). The proposed project, a 16' x 32' vinyl swimming pool, will be located entirely within the regulated area. Applicants hope to begin construction this fall, prior to the onset of winter. Approximately 13 tri-axes of soil will be displaced, with approximately 9 tri-axes to be moved offsite, with 4 tri-axes to be used for backfill. There will be a temporary stockpile of fill located in the front yard. Construction vehicles will enter/exit the property on the eastern portion of the property between the dwelling and the boundary. The applicants will utilize sedimentation and erosion controls (silt fences, hay, re-seeding of grass) as part of the project. There will be a 3-foot patio constructed as part of the pool.

The applicant stated that there is no presence of water within the designated wetland area. Furthermore, the applicant stated that there would be no new exterior lighting as part of

the project, and that one small birch tree would be removed and replaced on the eastern portion of the property.

29 Winterset Lane -Application (IWW #1038) of Peter Elsner (Contractor) (Michael & Barbara Honor, ROs) requesting approval of a map amendment to the Official Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Map of the Town of West Hartford. The proposed amendment is based on an on-site soil survey prepared by a professional soil scientist. (Submitted for IWWA receipt on October 5, 2015. Suggest required public hearing be scheduled for November 5, 2015.)

The applicant was represented by Peter Elsner (contractor and neighbor) and Michael Klein (Environmental Planning Services, LLC, soil scientist). The applicant requested a map amendment in order to flag the existence of wetlands in anticipation of possible future work within the regulated area. The applicant was not aware of the prior wetland and the prior regulated area.

Mr. Klein stated that he utilized an auger to detect wetlands along the rear of the property. There were no visual characteristics of a wetland on the property. Mr. Klein noted the clear evidence of a ditch with an intermittent stream in the back. There was little vegetation suggesting a wetland.

6. Meeting Adjournment

Motion: Sebastian; Second: Durao; Motion APPROVED at 7:28.